

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 were originally presented for examination.

In the Office Action of October 19, 2004, all of the claims 1 through 20 were examined and all stand rejected under 35 USC 112; some stand rejected under 35 USC 102 (b). The Specifications and drawings were objected to for formalities and minor deficiencies.

The specific rejections set forth in the Office Action are as follows:

Claims 1 through 20 rejected under 35 USC 112, Second Paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, and 9 rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) based on the Leger et al patent.

Claims 19 and 20 under 35 USC 102 (b) based on the Siegel patent.

Claims 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 USC 112 rejection and to embrace the limitations of all parent claims.

Claims 11 through 18 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 USC 112 rejection.

Applicant responds as follows:

I. Objections and Rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

The Abstract has been rewritten to limit the words to under 150 and to exclude reference to means.

The specification has been amended to indicate that the present invention garment strip of fabric 15 containing the attachment means and the intrusive device connector in Figure 1 is attached to the inside of the garment sleeve 10.

A new drawing sheet with revised Figure 13 as required in the Office Action is submitted herewith.

As to the rejection under 35 USC 112, the Examiner's point was well taken. One of the objectives of the invention is to make the strip of material containing the attachment means and the connector, accessible to a wearer. As can be seen in Figure 1 from the location of the strip and the garment design, a wearer may simply reach into the sleeve or under the garment to access the strip. Likewise, in Figure 7, reaching down the top of the pants provides access to the wearer. The original claims had excessive and redundant verbiage on this simple point. All of the new main claims recite the concept straightforwardly, namely, that the garment has at least one strip of fabric attached to the inside of the garment so as to render at least a portion of the strip of fabric accessible to a wearer. This is believed to obviate the previous indefiniteness.

II. Claims rejected under 35 USC 102 (b)

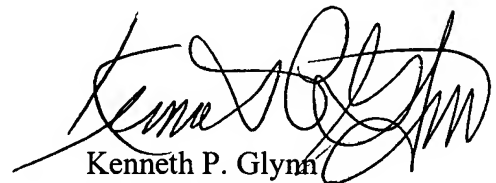
All of the claims that were rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) have been cancelled. All of the new claims contain limitations that applicant believes were indicated to be allowable subject matter. For these reasons, it is urged that the new claims should be allowed.

III. Conclusion

In view of all of the above amendments and remarks, and the enclosed drawings, it is urged that new claims 21 through 40 should be allowed. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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